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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will ask for a call of the house, and then I will begin the close.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There has been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, those opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. You may continue, if you wish to, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it takes 30 votes to suspend any rule. I'm not aware of any time since I've been here that I've made a motion to suspend a rule. Now perhaps I have. But that is even being done in compliance with the rules. I do not believe it is necessary to suspend the germaneness rule to gut a bill because we have done it for years without doing that. However, that is a side issue looking at it on its own merits. But the reality of this situation is that people can avoid having to discuss this matter any further if you simply vote against suspending the germaneness rule. I take very seriously what I do in this Legislature. I took this issue very seriously. I researched these types of commissions, and as Senator Kremer and I were discussing, they're called councils. I went out and found a bill to try to get this done. Senator Vrtiska mentioned that, whereas I might be right 98 percent of the time, I can also be wrong. And here's where I can see that perhaps I've been wrong all along. I should have not gotten so deeply involved in what befalls rural people. It's not fun on that Ag Committee and I'm very active on that committee. I've helped rewrite bills. The zoning bill that we had, it was Senator Bromm's, I don't know how many amendments I offered to